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President's Message

November Meeting: Don Lorenzen entertained us with his "Tales of the Bearhawk." His project is coming along and he showed us some of the parts he has completed. More important, he showed us how he did them. Everyone present demonstrated a high degree of interest and I, for one, learned a lot. We also viewed a short video with some of the goofiest airplanes one would ever hope to see. I also got on my soap box about traffic pattern etiquette at uncontrolled airports.

"Always drink upstream from the herd."

Will Rogers

Christmas Party: We do have the minimum number of people committed to the Christmas Party at the Grant Creek Inn on Friday Decemebr 3 starting at 6 PM. If you plan to come, please contact Sherry (542-5177) by 9AM on Monday, November 29. The hotel requires a final count for meals at this time. The cost is \$16.75 per meal, please specify "Chicken Cordon Bleu or Herb Roasted Sirloin.

"The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket."

Will Rogers

KitFox Update: The ticket sales are moving along. We have gotten press releases out to most of the aviation publications and e-mails to the majority of the EAA Chapters worldwide. Please notice there is a spot on your Chapter Membership Renewal Form, to request Sweepstakes Ticket(s).

"There are three kinds of mem: the ones that learn by reading; the few that learn by observation; and the rest of them have to pee on the electric fence."

Will Rogers

Chapter Membership Renewal: Please complete and return the enclosed Chapter Dues Renewal form. Please remember, that dues are based on the calendar year. Due remain at \$20.00 per year or two years for \$40.00. If you use the form, it will help me make sure you get your 2005 Membership Card.

“Good judgement comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.”

Will Rogers

Scary Story Number 1 from NASA’s ASRS Callback: “I was in the middle of preflight and while at the tail of the aircraft the passenger arrived. I had to let him in the gate and then returned to the preflight, beginning where I left off at the tail... I did not see the tail tied down to a black tire filled with concrete and the anchor rope was dark gray and nearly invisible in the available light. I had looked underneath the elevator but missed the tie down rope. This was exactly where I had been interrupted.

I noted a bit more resistance than usual when beginning to taxi. I verified the chocks were out of the way and added a bit more power and the aircraft rolled relatively easily. There was a headwind on the runway and the tower was not in operation when I took off headed north. Upon lifting off there were some rather significant ‘bumps’ that felt like turbulence. The passenger remarked that it was ‘bouncier’ than usual. Once airborne, however, the aircraft developed an oscillation that was impossible to trim out. The mission was to..perform some survey work. The flight proceeded, but with continued oscillations. Control was not difficult and I trimmed it up...and flew the mission at 80 MPH without any other difficulties. The oscillations seemed too regular to be related to the wind. Everything else seemed fine.

We returned for landing and...just above the flare the aircraft began pitching more noticeably... At that moment the aircraft suddenly dropped onto the tarmac with a rather hard landing. Nothing was damaged.

I taxied back to the tie down space and upon exiting the aircraft, noted a tie down rope hanging from the tail tie down ring. The tire that had been there was missing. I searched the runway and discovered the tire about two-thirds of the way down the runway, along with a frayed piece of tie down rope.

Obviously, I had taken off with a 100-150 pound cement filled tire attached to the rearmost tie down ring.”
WOW!

“Lettin’ the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier’n puttin’ it back.”

Will Rogers

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! As Thanksgiving approaches (I’m writing this on November 23), we have a lot to be thankful for, individually and collectively. Our Chapter has had another great year and the New Year will start another. I want to thank all of you that contributed to the success of Chapter 517 for 2004: the breakfast crews; the Young Eagle crews, both ground crew and flight crews; the fly out crews; the Chapter Officers. I couldn’t fulfill my duties as Chapter President without all of your help. I also want to bring special attention to Frank for his efforts with the newsletters. I have accepted many compliments for Frank from all over the country on our newsletter.

“After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you’re full of bull, keep your mouth shut.”

Will Rogers



Murphy Renegade on tail dragger amphib floats



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If you own an aircraft, what type? _____

If you are building an aircraft, what type? _____

The members of EAA Chapter 517 thank you for your support and welcome you to the Chapter.

Calendar 2004

December 3 Christmas Party No Breakfast
December 25 Merry Christmas
January 17 Meeting MSO
January 22 Winter Breakfast S32

Christmas Party Dec. 3rd

No Meeting December

No Breakfast December

Next Meeting January 17th

MSO Conference room



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